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The Honorable Charles Z. Wick  
Director  
United States Information Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Charlie,

In regard to your letter of November 29, I endorse the briefing of senior foreign officials on the Soviet threat to our European allies, particularly relating to the SS-20 problem. In the past two years, for example, we have briefed many foreign officials [redacted]

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Since a comprehensive and convincing briefing calls for expert analysis and thoroughly knowledgeable briefers, I have held to the line that such briefings be presented by Washington-based briefing teams and that each such briefing, regardless of the briefing sponsor, be individually approved by my Intelligence Directorate to assure that the information presented is current, accurate, and reflects US national intelligence judgments. From the security standpoint, this review also considers the position of the officials being briefed since they are informed verbally that the imagery presented is from satellites. These officials, of course, should have been cleared by their governments to receive classified intelligence. [redacted]

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In light of the above, I would certainly encourage you and your officers in Europe to request specific briefings for senior European government policy officials. If such a request meets the criteria for briefings of such officials (a copy of the pertinent directive is enclosed), I would be glad to provide an appropriate briefing team from the Intelligence Community. [redacted]

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Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

William J. Casey

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